

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 13, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-21 and 23-26 are allowed in this application. Claim 22 is rejected to by the Examiner. Claim 22 has been amended. Claims 1-26 remain pending in this application.

The specification was objected to as missing page 3. The specification has been amended to include the subject matter on the missing page, which was filed in the original specification, hence no new matter is added.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 22 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

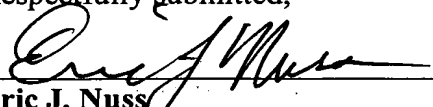
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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